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Dear Senator Moore,

Thank you for your letter dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of February with questions following the Quarterly Public Hearing on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

In relation to the timetable for delivery of the Competent Authorities minutes, I can confirm that the Chief Minister is progressing delivery of the decision of the Assembly to provide access to minutes and records of the Competent Authority Ministers, and while I do believe arrangements are near to ready, it is a matter for him to comment further on that.

Please find the information requested following questions also raised on the Co-Funded Payroll Scheme (the Payroll Scheme) being provided to businesses in response to COVID-19. It should be noted the CFPS was created as an emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is not a statutory scheme, and to ensure that the scheme delivered the support required on a timely basis, it was consciously decided that payment would be made on self-declaration, with a subsequent review process.

• **CFPS Claims applied for funding and received funding;**

A number of claims are rejected each month after failing some of the checks that are performed prior to processing payments. In most cases the business has made a mistake and submits a revised claim that is successful. We do not keep records of the number of businesses that have had a claim rejection and not subsequently claimed successfully.

- c.4070 businesses have successfully applied for at least one month of the CFPS
- Approximately £140m has been paid out to date

• **repaid monies provided;**

416 business have repaid monies to GoJ, with a total value of £4.6m.

• **appealed or are appealing the repayment of monies; and**

CFPS is not a statutory scheme, having been established as a rapid response to COVID-19 pandemic. As such, there is no formal appeals process.

Notwithstanding, 189 customers have challenged the request to repay and are either in the process of providing further evidence or in discussion with their accountants and/or Revenue Jersey regarding their 2019 tax submission.

- **have had their request for repayment revised down or cancelled.**

Repayment has been revised for 12 individuals, from £73.7k to £30.4k (lowered by £43.3k) and has been cancelled for 7 individuals to a value of £56.5k

Claims for the CPFS are made through an online claim form, and a PDF copy of that form is appended to this response.



CPFS Application  
form and declaration

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susie Pinel'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'S' and 'P'.

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